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DEPT FOR A/SY/T; A/SY/OPS; PANAMA FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: NO SUBJECT TO DECLASS UNTIL IMPLEMENTED (GDS)
TAGS: ASEC, ES
SUBJECT: RADI
BCRYSTALS

1. THE SY DETAIL THIS POST HAS DEVELOPED AN EMERGENCY AIRBORNE EVACUATION PLAN FOR AMBASSADOR BASED ON USING THE U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER ATTACHED TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) AND TWIN BEECH AIWCRAFT OF AIR ATTACHE/TEGUCIGALPA. IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY COM, MILGRP, AIR ATTACHE IN TEGUCIGALPA AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED BY SOUCOM IN PANAMA.

2. IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DETAIL AND THE AIRCRAFT, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUESTED:

A. IS IT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A RADIO CRYSTAL ON THE SPECIFIC FREQUENCY OF 261.5 UHF THAT COULD BE MOUNTED IN THE SY DETAIL'S HANDHELD RADIOS? THE AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION MONITORS THIS FREQUENCY DURING ALL HOURS OF OPERATION.

B. IF THE SPECIFIC CRYSTAL IS NOT AVAILABLE, IS IT POSSIBLE
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TO OBTAIN CRYSTALS IN THE 225.0 TO 350.0 RANGE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE? EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS IS NOT ABLE TO OPERATE IN THIS RANGE AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE DETAIL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE AIRCRAFT.

C. THE DETAIL REALIZES THAT IF ANY OF THE ABOVE IS POSSIBLE IT WILL REQUIRE THAT THE HANDHELD RADIOS THIS LOCATION BE RETUNED,

HOWEVER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT IMMEDIATE ACTION BE INITIATED SO THAT THE PLAN CAN BECOME OPERATIONAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

D. THE DETAIL WILL EXCHANGE TWO (2) OF ITS TAC TECH'S LOCATED HERE FOR TWO (2) THAT WOULD BE PRESET WHILE AWAITING RETURN OF THE REMAINING RADIOS.

E. IF THE CRYSTALS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE RCA'S TAC TECH'S, IS IT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A PORTABLE RADIO, WITH ASSOCIATED CHARGER, IN THE ABOVE RANGE FOR USE BY THE DETAIL?

F. A COPY OF THE PLAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO A/SY/OPS WITHIN THE WEEK.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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